THE ARCHIVES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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I

CANONICAL STATUS

The 66th General Convention of the Episcopal Church took the following actions concerning the Archives:

Title I, Canon I:

Sec. 5. The General Convention shall designate a repository for its Archives, those of the Executive Council, and other historical records connected with the life and development of the Episcopal Church and shall provide financial support to arrange, label, index, and put them in order, and to provide for the safe-keeping of the same in some fireproof, accessible place of deposit and to hold the same under such regulations as the General Convention may, from time to time, provide.

Sec. 6(a). The House of Deputies, upon the nomination of the House of Bishops, shall elect a Presbyter, to be known as the Registrar of the General Convention, whose duty it shall be to receive all Journals, files, papers, reports, and other documents or articles that are, or shall become, the property of either House of the General Convention, and to transmit the same to the Archives of the Church as prescribed by the Archivist.

Resolution:

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church shall be the custodian of the Archives of the Episcopal Church and the Board of the Society shall be the Board of the Archives. This Board shall report to the General Convention according to General Convention procedures on the funds received from the General Convention for the custodianship of the Archives.

II

STAFF AND BUILDING

The Archives staff consists of four full time members. They are:

V. Nelle Bellamy, Ph.D. -- Archivist of the Episcopal Church
Elinor S. Hearn -- Archivist/Librarian
Ernest Black Ellis -- Archivist/Historian
May Lofgreen -- Assistant for Administration

This is a dedicated, competent staff with historical, archival and administrative skills. The Archivist is keenly aware of their varied contributions to the archival and historical tasks of the Episcopal Church.

The Archives occupies the second floor of the Library of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, approximately 8,000 square feet. It is the guest of the Seminary of the Southwest, paying neither rent nor utilities. The $4800 given to the Seminary in 1983 can only be seen as a token "Thank You" for this substantial contribution to the Archives and the General Convention. If the General Convention paid the normal rent for such facilities in Austin at this time it would be, at least, $80,000 annually.

III

STATISTICS FOR 1983

Staff Services 1983

The regular staff has answered 232 mail research requests and made 60 referrals to other depositories. 42 researchers have used the records. 22 were engaged in small research projects; 11 of these were seminary students. 20 researchers were involved in substantial projects. These latter were:

Daniel H. Bays, Professor of History, University of Kansas. Project: The foundations of modern Chinese Christianity. A study of late 19th and early 20th century origins of the modern Chinese Christian church.

Kenneth Bock, Ph.D. Candidate, Illinois State University. Project: The impact of New York's great awakening: implications for teaching American history, 1750-1776.

Patrick David Crosby, M.A. Candidate, North Texas State University. Project: Liturgy and music of the Episcopal Church in Haiti.

Benjamin H. Davidson, Undergraduate Honors Student, University of Texas at Austin. Project: The social and political attitudes of selected religious denominations in Texas during the period from 1850 to 1874.

Mary S. Donovan, Ph.D. Candidate, Columbia University. Project: Women workers in the Episcopal Church, 1850-1920.

Wallace G. Gober, Senior, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. Project: The correspondence of the Rt. Rev. Leigh Brewer, Bishop of Montana, 1880-1916.

Kenneth Hafertepe, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas at Austin. Project: The Scottish aesthetic: associationism in American art and architecture.

James J. Halsema, retired U. S. Foreign Service Officer and Philippinist. Project: A history of Brent School, Baguio, the Philippines.

Edward Holmes, Jr., Ph.D. Candidate, Arizona State University. Project: The wheelchair bishop, an article dealing with the life of Samuel Isaac Schereschewsky.

Elizabeth Hosea, Graduate history student, University of Texas at Austin. Project: Episcopalian attitudes toward women missionaries in the 19th century.

Shannon Ledbetter, Undergraduate student, University of Texas at Austin. Project: Research paper on Deaconess Gertrude Stewart, China missionary from 1904 to 1944.

James Waring de Bernieres McCrady, University of the South, Chairman of the Presiding Bishop's Advisory Committee on Heraldry. Project: Research on diocesan and parish seals.

Helen N. Mendoza, Professor of English and American Studies, University of the Philippines. Project: The role and experiences of American women in the Philippines during the American occupation (colonial period) 1900-1935.

Richard Neubert, M.A. Candidate, University of Texas at Austin. Project: Research paper on the Indians and Eskimos of Alaska from the viewpoint of the Episcopal clergy, 1886-1920.

Loren G. Pahlke, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Colorado. Project: The evolution of Eagle Village, Alaska; social patterns in post-gold rush years.

Harold R. Sager, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas at Austin. Project: The growth and development of interest in and promotion of missionary work of the Episcopal Church in the 19th century.

Norma R. Schmidt, Graduate student, University of Alaska. Project: A calendar of the letters of Hudson Stuck in the Alaska Records in the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

Ronald A. Steiner, Professor and Associate Director of Libraries, Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Project: A bibliography of Episcopal bishops' biographies.

Ellen (Elena) Margaret Thompson, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas at Austin. Project: Peace witness in the Episcopal Church.

John D. Worrell, Chaplain and Director of Autry House, Houston, Texas. Project: The history of college work in the Diocese of Texas to 1930 and the role of the Church Students' Missionary Association.

Statistics of materials used by researchers: 304 books and pamphlets, 346 volumes or boxes of periodicals and series, 38 biographical files and private papers boxes, 387 Diocesan Journals, 296 Record Group boxes, and 14 boxes of photographs or audio-visual materials.

Records Arrangement in 1983

RG 30 The Private Papers of Maurice Eldred Votaw, 1922-49 and 1976-77.

RG 91 The Private Papers of Norman Spencer Binsted, 1923-1963.

RG 96 The Private Papers of Mary Abbot Emery (Mrs. A. T. Twing), Julia Chester Emery, and other family members, 1840-(1862-1922)-1980.

RG 132 PECUSA. Executive Council. Unit for Service to Dioceses. Records of the Executive Officer for Liaison and Co-ordination with the Committee for Women and Cognate Groups, 1968-70.

RG 133 Private Papers of the Rt. Rev. John B. Mosley from his membership in the Episcopal Urban Bishops Coalition, 1977-1980.

RG 134 The Records of the Girls' Friendly Society of the United States of America, 1879-1969.

RG 135 PECUSA. National Council. Department of Finance. China correspondence. Correspondence with Arthur Jones Allen, 1941-51, and with the Bank of China, 1941-44.

RG 136 PECUSA. National Council (Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society). China records 1845-1951. Records supplemental to RG 64.

RG 137 Private Papers of William Cox Pope, 1840-1917, 1935-1965.

RG 138 Private Papers of Francis Lister Hawks Pott, 1835, 1883-1947.

RG 139 PECUSA. Executive (National) Council. Committee on World Relief and Inter-Church Aid/Committee on World Relief and Church Cooperation, 1952-1967.

RG 140 PECUSA. Executive (National) Council. Minutes 1948-1978. Microfilm.

RG 141 Private Papers of Frederick Rogers Graves, 1880-1940, 1947, 1950, 1961.

RG 142 Private Papers of John L. Coe, 1927-1934.

RG 144 PECUSA. Executive (National) Council. Jurisdictional Relations/ Experimental and Specialized Services/Christian Social Relations. Refugee records 1950-(1960-70)-1974. Microfilmed.

Additional materials were integrated into Record Group 129 - The Records of the Committee on the Observance of the Nation's Bicentennial, 1973-1976.

Cataloging in 1983

66 books

Accessions 1983

50 file drawer transfer cases, 12 cartons, 3 wooden cases, 1 envelope and 1 folder of records from the Offices of the Executive Council and General Convention, received in December 1983.

3 file drawers of Communications records
1 file drawer of Executive Council dockets
4 file drawers of UTO records
5 file drawers of National Council on Indian Work records
2 file drawers of Administration records
7 file drawers of Communications Audio-Visual records
1 file drawer of Overseas Department, Overseas Summer Training Program records
5 file drawers from the Sherrill Resource Center
3 file drawers of Christian Ministries records
2 file drawers of General Convention records
6 file drawers of Program records
6 file drawers of Ecumenical Office records
1 file drawer of Personnel records
1 file drawer of Presiding Bishop's diocesan records
2 file drawers of Registrar's records, consecration documentation
1 file drawer of Communications records--photographs and obituaries
1 file drawer of Laymen's Work Scrapbooks
3 wooden cases and one folder of Registrar's records--consecration certificates
4 cartons from the Sherrill Resource Center
4 cartons of Health and Human Affairs records
2 cartons of building plans, maps, etc.
1 carton of Diocesan Journals
1 carton of Executive Council Minutes
1 carton of Registrar's records--Deposition and inhibition documents

Manuscript book of sermons of the Rev. William R. Nicholson, 1855-63.

"The Episcopal Church in Alaska, A catalog of photographs from the Archives and Historical Collections of the Episcopal Church" compiled by William E. Simeone and published by the Alaska Historical Commission.

"A history of Alaskan Athapaskans" by William E. Simeone.

20 books by Dr. Kenneth W. Cameron on Episcopal Church history in Connecticut and on early Anglican church music in America.

Records of the Episcopal Historiographers, 1966-81.

Private Papers of the Rt. Rev. Norman S. Binsted.

Additions to the Private Papers of the Rev. Dr. Howard A. Johnson, 1915-1974.

Private Papers of the Rt. Rev. John B. Mosley from his years of membership in the Episcopal Urban Bishops Coalition, 1977-80.

Additions to the Private Papers of Louise Goldthorpe.

Additions to the Private Papers of Floyd W. Tomkins.

List of all the mission buildings designed and built by J. Van Wie Bergamini, mission architect for the Episcopal Church.

Private Papers of Helen Smith Shoemaker

Private Papers of David E. Sumner.

Additions to the Hunger Committee Records.

"Evensong and Cocktails, A missionary autobiography" by the Rt. Rev. A. Ervine Swift.

"A History of the Mountain Province" [Philippines] by Howard T. Fry.

"The Episcopal Church in Alaska. The Ven. Hudson Stuck, Archdeacon of the Yukon, 1904-1920. A calendar of correspondence of Hudson Stuck from the Archives of the Episcopal Church" by Norma R. Schmidt.

Minutes of the National Council/Executive Council, 1948-1978. Microfilm.

2 framed portrait photographs of Julia Chester Emery and Mary Abbot Emery Twing.

Oral history transcript of interviews with Captain John David Zimmerman, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy (Retired).

Study by CRW Management Services on how the Episcopal Church selects its bishops, done for the Committee on Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops.

"Quest, a guide for those involved in the search for a bishop. Findings from a study of bishop election practices in the Episcopal Church" by Charles R. and Lynne Wilson, CRW Management Services, 1983. Sponsored by the Committee on Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops.

Private Papers of John L. Coe.

3 phonograph records of sermons by the Rt. Rev. James Pernette DeWolfe, Bishop of Long Island.

B.D. Dissertation, Oxford University, 1955 by the Rev. Richard A. Minter, "The comparative importance of influences hostile to the slave trade within and without the established church in the West Indies before 1783."

Additions to the Private Papers of the Rev. John H. Townsend.

91 reels of audio-tape of the 66th General Convention, Sept. 9-20, 1979.

Index to the first ten years, Nov. 2, 1878-Mar. 31, 1888 of The Living Church. On microfiche.

Private Papers of James J. Halsema.

Private Papers of the Rev. Wilfred Hoopes. Correspondence and printed materials in ré the Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey trial and controversy.

6 filmstrip, record and script sets produced by UTO and the Executive (National) Council.

Books and periodicals
Church Annuals and Clerical Directories
Parish histories
Forward Movement publications
Diocesan Journals and periodicals

No attempt is made in this report to list each individual item received in the Archives; individual items are recorded in our accessions book.

IV

PROJECTS

A. Funded by the General Convention

1. Microfilming of the Archives of the General Convention

The General Convention provides limited funds to film its records as a security measure and only a negative is made. This microfilm is stored in a bank vault in Austin. When all of the records on a roll of film are seventy-five years old then the microfilm with the approval of the Archives Board may be deposited in other Archives. The following records had been microfilmed:

Francis L. Hawks and General Convention Collection of Early Episcopal Church Manuscripts (25 reels)

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society: Alaska Records, 1884-1952 (34 reels)

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society: Liberia Records, 1822-1952 (57 reels)

The following were microfilmed in 1983:

PECUSA. Executive(National) Council. Jurisdictional Relations/Experimental and Specialized Services/ Christian Social Relations. Refugee Records 1950-(1960-70)-1974 (24 reels)

The Bishop of Alaska has requested that an exception be made to the 75 years rule for deposit of microfilm in another repository and that the Alaska Records, 1884-1952, be deposited in the Archives of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. See Resolution pertaining to this.

2. Records Management

The program of inventorying current records in the offices of the Executive Council continues. At the present time some of these inventories are used by a consultant on filing systems who is working in some of the offices. Thus the records which should arrive in the Archives are likely to be appropriate for retention.

The inventory of records in the offices of the Diocese of West Texas with suggestions for retention of archival/ historical records in a diocesan office continues to be sent to dioceses. The Archivist has met with representatives of the two dioceses in Tennessee and the third diocese that will be formed in the near future. These representatives are seeking to establish a central archival center for the three dioceses.

The Archivist was invited to consult with the archivist of the Society of St. Francis located on Long Island concerning the archives of the Community. A general inventory was made of the records and instructions on appraisal were provided.

B. Not funded by the General Convention

1. Microfilming of the Archives of the Diocese of Panama is made possible by a grant from the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Cameron. The Archivist spent a week in Panama preparing the records for shipment to the Archives; they have arrived and arrangement for microfilming is almost completed. The Rt. Rev. Lemuel Shirley, retired Bishop of Panama, has visited the Archives and acted as a consultant in the arrangement of the records. These are largely the papers of the Rt. Rev. Reginald H. Gooden; he has also deposited his personal diaries in the Archives.

2. The China Oral History Project, with a $3,000 grant from the James and Vera Cushman Charitable Trust, continues to interview China missionaries of the Episcopal Church. $1,500 was added to the funds from the Cameron grant and a second $3,000 has been requested from the Cushman Trust. The following persons have been interviewed:

Gilbert Baker
Clara D. Bergamini
Leslie L. Fairfield
Mary Fairfield
Martha Wakefield Falcone
Dorothy Jenks Gilson
Frances Roots Hadden
Virginia Huntington
Florence M. Nobes
Claude L. Pickens, Jr.
Elizabeth Pickens

Helen Van Voast Pipe
William Henry Scott
Sister Louise Magdalene
Sister Lucy Caritas
Bishop A. Ervine Swift
Elizabeth Ann Swift
Catharine W. Ward
Paul Ward

This project moves slowly because our interviewer and transcribers have other full time positions.

3. The Archives has purchased a small Zenith computer with monies from the Friends of the Archives and Mrs. Floyd Tomkins. It is used largely for financial records, mailings and in word processing.

C. Activities of the Archivist and Staff

The Archivist attended the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists where, as chair for the Awards Committee, she presented the Society's awards. She also served on the Distinguished Service Award Committee for the Society of Southwest Archivists. She attended a one day workshop on records management. She taught one session of Dr. Gracy's course on archival management in the University of Texas.

The Archives staff held a short workshop for historiographers who met in Austin in June, 1983. Ernest Black Ellis attended a one day workshop on Disaster Preparedness, Precaution and Planning. The Archivist was in England, Scotland and Wales during the summer of 1983 preparing an essay on the participation of women in the decision-making roles of the Anglican Communion.

V

A. RESOLUTION

Whereas the Bishop of Alaska has requested that because of the approaching centennial of the Episcopal Church in Alaska the Archives of the Episcopal Church make an exception to the 75 years policy for depositing microfilm of archives in other repositories, and

Whereas the Archivist of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks has agreed to receive the 34 reels of microfilm on permanent loan and further agreed to follow the access policies of the Archives of the Episcopal Church in making them available to researchers, and

Whereas the Bishop of the Diocese of Alaska has agreed to pay the cost of providing 34 positives from the existing negatives

Be it Resolved that the Board of the Archives make an exception for the Diocese of Alaska to the 75 years policy for depositing microfilm in other repositories and deposit positives of the 34 reels of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society: Alaska Records 1884-1952 in the Archives of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

It is understood that the film is to be used in the Search Room of the Archives of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, not to be reproduced (except for printouts for researchers) and not to be loaned through Interlibrary Loan. It is further understood that the access policies of the Archives of the Episcopal Church will be followed by the Archives of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in making this film available to researchers.

B. ALASKA PHOTOGRAPHS

At the Board Meeting in 1983 the Board took the following action:

> Resolved, that the Archivist shall respond to the request of the Bishop of Alaska for Alaskan photographs by sending reproductions of the complete collection of photographs to his office and requesting that the expense for the reproductions be paid by the Diocese of Alaska; and be it further
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> Resolved, that the Diocese of Alaska shall be requested to sign a Statement Of Use assuming all legal responsibilities for invasion of privacy or all legal responsibilities which might arise in the use of them by researchers; and furthermore, be it
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> Resolved, that the Bishop of Alaska shall be advised that this is a special exception to the Archival regulations because of the Centenary Celebration of the Episcopal Church in Alaska.

No action has been taken on this resolution by the Diocese of Alaska. The great expense in providing copies of the photographs remains an important consideration. The Archivist has, therefore, proposed an alternative action which meets with the Bishop's approval.

The Archivist with the assistance of the Historiographer of the Diocese of Alaska, Mrs. Barbara Smith, will prepare a grant proposal requesting funds from the Alaska Historical Commission for making microfiche of the approximately 2,000 photographs cataloged by Mr. William E. Simeone in "The Episcopal Church in Alaska: A Catalog of Photographs from the Archives and Historical Collections of the Episcopal Church." The microfiche will be protected by copyright. The Alaska Historical Commission will, if it provides the funds for this project, deposit copies of Mr. Simeon's "Catalog" and the microfiche of the photographs in the appropriate repositories in Alaska. Repositories in Alaska desiring reproductions of the photographs must, then, obtain them from the Archives in Austin.

As I see it, there are at least three advantages to this proposal. Microfiche will provide researchers a quick survey of the Alaska photographs without the great expense of reproductions. The custody

of the photographs remains with the Archives of the Episcopal Church. Also, the microfiche will be available to the older people in the Indian and Eskimo villages who are interested in members of their families whose photographs may be in this collection.

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Respectfully submitted,

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